

SPECIAL INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR AFGHANISTAN RECONSTRUCTION (SIGAR)

(\$ in thousands)

Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction	FY 2009 Supplemental Request
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The Office of the Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) is requesting \$7.2 million in FY 2009 supplemental funding. This would bring SIGAR's total FY 2009 funding to \$23.2 million. Previous appropriations have allowed SIGAR to hire 38 professional staff, including 10 auditors and five inspectors. These funds will allow SIGAR to hire an additional 31 professional positions and nine locally employed staff positions (interpreters) which are critical to the effective audit, investigations, and inspections activities related to the reconstruction of Afghanistan. Since 2001, the United States has committed almost \$32 billion in humanitarian and other aid to Afghanistan. This amount constitutes the largest single contribution of any nation to Afghanistan reconstruction. Given the oversight responsibility mandated to SIGAR, these supplemental funds will provide for the detailed assessments, evaluation, and analysis necessary to effectively oversee this funding, as well as for costs of supporting staff in Kabul.

- Personnel Compensation: \$4.3 million. SIGAR employs personnel appointed to the excepted service and assigned to either the Washington metropolitan area or Afghanistan under 13-month appointments. Base salaries for the 31 professional positions are \$2.4 million. An additional \$1.9 million supports compensation above basic pay (including overtime, post-differential, danger, and holiday pay), plus expenditures for benefits as well as incentives to recruit and retain personnel, such as extended assignment incentives, and relocation and other expenses related to permanent change of station.
- Travel and Transportation: \$2.2 million. As a result of the agency's mandate, SIGAR is required to conduct audits, inspections, and investigations throughout the United States and Afghanistan. Additionally, personnel deployed to Afghanistan will require housing and associated services for 20 staff in country. This request includes costs for International Cooperative Administrative Support Services (ICASS) charges for 25 staff at Embassy Kabul, regional rest breaks, and travel to and from Afghanistan and within the United States.
- Rent, Communications, and Utilities: \$0.3 million. This request includes additional office space in the Washington metropolitan area (\$0.1 million) and IT equipment/services for personnel in both the United States and Afghanistan (\$0.2 million).

- Contractual Services and Supplies: \$0.4 million. SIGAR requires \$0.2 million for nine interpreters in Afghanistan, (six in Kabul, one in Bagram, and two in Kandahar). SIGAR will procure interpreter services via government contracts with foreign nationals over a 12-month period. This category also includes \$0.2 million for shipping costs to and from Afghanistan, professional liability insurance, and training required to maintain professional certifications in Auditing, Investigation, and Engineering.